Implementation of Rural Development Programmes

*681. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural development programmes like IRDP, JRY, IAY etc. are implemented through Zilla Parishads where such Parishads are existing in the States;

(b) whether the execution of such programmes has been entrusted to District Councils of KARBI ANGLONG and North Cachar Hills in Assam; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Rural Development Programmes like IRDP, JRY, IAY are implemented generally through District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in the States.

However IRDP is implemented through Zilla Parishads in Karnataka and JRY is being implemented through Zilla Parishads in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab and West Bengal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In Assam, Rural Development Programmes like IRDP, JRY, IAY are being implemented through DRDAs of concerned districts. District council is represented in the Governing body of DRDA through its chief executive member and member incharge of Panchayat and Rural Development and Community Development.

Remote Sensing Centres

*682. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Remote Sensing Centres have been set up in the country;

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof;

(c) whether useful results have been achieved by these Centres;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Centrewise; if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to set up more such Centres in the country in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad, and the five Regional Remote Sensing Service Centres (RRSSCs) of the Department of Space located at Bangalore, Dehradun, Jodhpur, Kharagpur and Nagpur, 21 State Governments have set up Remote Sensing Application Centres. These Centres are located at Hyderabad, Guwahati, Patna, Vadodara, Hissar, Shimla, Srinagar, Bangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, Bhopal, Nagpur, Aizwal, Imphal, Bhubaneswar, Ludhiana, Jodhpur, Gangtok, Madras, Agartala, Lucknow and Calcutta.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) These Remote Sensing Centres have carried out a number of projects at the National, Regional, State and District levels using data from the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite. These projects are in the areas of agricultural crop acreage and yield estimation, drought monitoring and assessment, landuse/land cover mapping for agro-climatic